

Attention FDA

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It came to my attention that the FDA is being asked to take away my right to sign a medical waiver before purchasing a hearing aid. Instead I would be forced to have a medical exam or hearing test. Here's my views and/or experiences on several related questions?

1. Should I be forced to have a medical exam and/or hearing test before purchasing a hearing aid? If so, should the FDA pay for the exam?

I should not be forced to have a medical exam even if someone else pays for it. I have had very good service from excel over the years. They know what they are doing.

2. Some people are physically unable to drive to a doctor or hearing specialist, or have had bad experiences they don't want to repeat. For instance ...

In the area where I live (Alaska) we don't have a full time service for hearing specialist. He is here two or three times a month. If you have to come in from another island or camp it is extremely difficult to make contact.

3. Should the FDA take away my Constitutional Right, affirmed by the Supreme Court, to decide for myself my medical exams and treatment?

Absolutely not

4. Should I be allowed to purchase hearing aids by mail as I choose?

a very loud resounding Yes

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